

500 BC

Earliest Zapotec temple  
at Monte Alban, Oaxaca,  
Mexico.

500 BC

The sea (oceans) was at its lowest recorded level - three feet below its present level (1976)  
The Greek & Phoenician civilizations reached their peaks

500 BC

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Rich burial at Vix in Burgundy, France.  
containing dismantled wagon and Greek  
and Etruscan imports including the  
famous Vix Crater.

First copper smelting in ~~sub~~ Sub-Saharan  
Africa (Niger and Mali)

c. 500 BC

Feb 15

Residents of early Rome (part of the Italic group called the Latins) purified the community by honoring gods with the ritual of LUPERCALIA. First, priests sacrificed goats and a dog at the cave where they smeared the goats blood on two youths. Held Feb 15 Lupercalia remained

an important person featured until  
removed by the Pope in A.D. 494

500 BC

Darius I complete Canal connecting Nile and Red Sea.

Persian Royal Road from Sardis to Susa with Porting Stations

Tribute reliefs at palace of Persepolis portraying the diverse people of Achaemenid empire & the tribute they donated

500 BC

Taxila and Charsadda become important trading cities. Persian, later Hellenistic influence passes through them to India

500 BC  $\rightarrow$  400 BC

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Etruscans founded colonies  
in the Po River Plain



500 BC

Beginnings of coinage in China: <sup>ministrate</sup> ~~ministrate~~  
bronze spade and knife coins.

Wet-rice agriculture in Japan

Production of bronze Dong Son drums  
in northern Vietnam

500 BC

Nations began to use gold  
for currency since King Croesus  
of Lydia struck the first  
pure gold coins

there are at least 10 Billion tons  
of gold in the water of the  
oceans.

10 mg gold to 1 ton of sea water  
2,835 tons of water would have

to the full amount on source.  
1903, Dec. sold was \$406.00 per sq  
In 1930, it was about \$35.00/sq

500 BC

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Early hieroglyphic inscriptions  
from MONTREALBAN, OAXACA (Central  
Ames).

500 BC - AD 200

Period of Nok culture in northern Nigeria

500 B C

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Long before the Christian era,  
the Phoenicians were sailing the  
Atlantic Ocean and by 500 B C  
they had colonized the Canary  
Islands

C 500 AD

Roman Cal. C 500  $\rightarrow$  ?

CALENDS - 1<sup>st</sup> of month

Nones of Martius, Aprilis, Julius & Oct.

fell on 7<sup>th</sup> day of the month

Nones of other mo Jan, Feb, May, June

~~July~~ Aug Sept, Nov, Dec

fell on 5<sup>th</sup> day

IDES of Martius, Aprilis, Julius, Oct

were 15<sup>th</sup> of month

were 13<sup>th</sup> of Jan, Feb May June Aug Sep Nov Dec

500BC

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China and India Codified  
their laws which emphasize  
moral obligations



500BC

Abacus was in use

500 B.C.

Buddha died

C500 BC

Ancient Roman Cal.

moon Cal. There were 12 mos.

13th mo. MERCEDONIUS was  
occasionally inserted in a haphazard  
way 7 mos of 29 days ea-  
4 mos of 31 days

February with 28 days  
making total of 355 days.

Montano; Anillo; Mexico; Janico;  
Quintillo; Sotillo; Siga; Oct; Nov; Dec  
JANUARIAS; Febrero.

In 1538C Francisco was designated  
1st master of the island of  
Mexico.

500 BC

Western *junipers* in Yosemite  
are 2,500 yrs old.

c 500 BC  $\rightarrow$  50 BC.

The culture in Celtic civilization  
of the later Iron Age is  
named LATÈNE for a  
site called La Tène (The  
Shallow) (in Switzerland)  
they mined salt. They traded  
they made swords, shields, metal  
drinking vessels, four wheeled  
wagons & horse bridles

They killed in life after death  
They worshipped water  
They formed about 8 other groups  
Rounded cattle, sheep, pigs, men  
resided there for with him to  
stop it, they were much more  
when they killed in evening, they left  
his head & carried it proudly home  
to keep as proof of their courage & skill

500 BC

From about 500 BC, Greeks  
adopted the practice of reading  
and writing from left to  
right.

Previously they used lines  
→ R to left, then  
← left to right.



500 BC

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Plantain cherry most  
probably evolved, around 500 BC

500BC

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Between 500BC and AD 1000  
major dry spells occurred  
about every 200 yrs, including  
a decades long drought that  
coincided with the collapse  
of the so-called Classic  
Maya civilization

c. 500 BC

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Jainism

Indian religion founded c. 500 BC

500 BC

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Temples of Zeus at Agrigento  
took shape.

Though never finished because  
of war, the structure (now in  
ruins) would have been nearly  
twice as large as the Temple  
of Heracles (Messina).

C 50r BL

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Average height for Irish men was about 5ft 5in

Life expectancy of a newborn was about 21 years

1/2 of all children died before age 15.

If a female survived beyond that she could expect to live to 38.

A male survivor could expect 41.

There are no doubts

regarding the already present  
in southern Italy in 1914

time. It did not come after Columbus  
(47 July and 7 1722 when reports  
of supplies

500/499 BC

The Ionians revolted from  
the Persians

c500 BC

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Latin alphabet



500 BC

Theater of Dionysius

Arena in Athens, Greece, used  
for dramatic productions  
of AESCHYLUS, SOPHOCLES,  
and EURIPIDES, and others  
from c. 500 BC

450 BC - Stone theater replaced  
the wooden one.

c500 BC

The Forum in Rome  
functioned from c 500 BC.

500 BC

## 7 Hills of Rome

The original city was  
built on the Palatine Hill.

The other 6 hills are: The  
Capitoline, Quirinal, Viminal,  
Esquiline, Caelian, and Aventine.

C500BC

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## MAGNA GRAECIA (Great Greece)

Central to the sea trade, Sicily and Southern Italy drew so many Greek colonies that part of the region became known as Magna Graecia, or Great Greece.

500 BC

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Books were written in papyrus  
scrolls from 500 BC.

500 BC → 700 AD

The ZAPOTEC developed  
Mesoamerica's first urban  
culture

A state society with centralized  
bureaucracy & complex hieroglyphic  
writing system.

The Capital was the hilltop settlement  
of MONTE ALBÁN occupied in its  
heyday by 30,000 people

C5000e

Persians: worshipped ATURAMAEDA  
symbolized by the sun & fire. Earth,  
air & fire were sacred, so dead bodies were  
covered with wax so as not to defile the  
earth: sometimes exposed for the wild beasts  
to devour. Had no temples or altars: worshipped  
on mountains

Great teacher ZORASTER  
literature ZEND-AVESTA

500-444 B.C.

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## Persian Wars.

The Dorian Migration; political distortions at home; and the destruction of Phoenician cities TYRE & SIDON, which gave the Greeks the opportunity to assume the trade and commerce, led to the establishment of the Greek colonies at Miletus and CHALCIDE in Asia Minor and to others on the islands of the Aegean Sea. Some of the



Such abuses later by Crocker King  
of India and later were corrected  
by the Persian who compelled the  
ruler to furnish military service  
Caused by: Persian desire for wealth  
and territory and jealousy of  
Greek independence & prosperity

5000c

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Iron was known in the  
Nile Valley

C500Bc

Duncan:Cal

Realizing the Roman Cal.  $366\frac{1}{4}$   
day long average year ran "slow"  
against the true year by a day and  
a quarter the Romans adopted a version  
of the Greek Cal. that inserted  
intercalary months every 8 years.  
This brought the Cal. roughly  
in line with a 365-day year  
though the Greek system was

no enforcing that the prints frequently  
forget to slip in the extra month at  
the proper intervals as noticed the fol-  
lowing calendaric time to slip back  
& forth against the solar year

c 500 BC.

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The Romans in Republican times designated the years by the names of the Consuls of the year.

Different

500BC

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The priest IUFAA died & was  
buried 82 feet deep near ABUSIR.

Archaeologists from CZECH Republic's  
Charles Univ. found the unlooted  
tomb with hundreds of  
artifacts. Discovered Feb 1998  
MIROSLAV VERNEK, archaeologist.  
Started in 1995

The post was about 30 when he died (H-EPG5)  
8 of his motor are missing  
He was a letter post and an administrator  
of pulcos.

5000 BC

## Aesop's Fables

Stories of talking animals  
illustrating moral lessons

by semi-legendary Greek  
writer Aesop (c 620 - c 560 BC)  
Collected in 2000 BC.



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Chinese state - South of  
Yellow R.

500 BC.

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Scythians - north of Black Sea

c500 BC

1912 Dates J-BK

Shortly after the last Kings of Rome  
decease, and the SIBYLLINE Books  
were introduced and later the  
erection of temples became common  
in honor of the three supreme gods.

500 BC

## Roman Law

Romans defered 3 kinds of law: *JUS CIVILE*, the law which governed citizens; *JUS GENTIUM*; the law of nations; and *JUS NATURALE*, the law of nature. The earliest versions of Roman civil law were essentially religious until 500 BC at latest.

The laws were at first dispensed by patricians

C57VBC

1912 Dates J-BK

Chinese

"Books of MENCIUS"  
written by MENCIUS, a memoir  
of the life and teachings  
of Confucius

C 500BC

1912 Dates J-BK

The Schools of Athens were present only between the ages of 16 and 20 did the state control education, and then only in the direction of physical culture and preparation for military service.

The family controlled the education in 1st 7 yrs.

500 BC

1912 Dates J-BK

Parchment was known as early as 500 B.C. In Rome the manufacture of parchment rose to great importance in the 1st Cen B.C. This was the medium for writing until the invention of paper by the Chinese.

Parchment that has been used a second time by erasing the original writing is called a PALIMPSEST

C500 BC

1912 Dates J-BK

582-500 BC Pythagorean school of philosophy

Founded by Pythagoras (582-500 BC)

Born in Samos, Greece; went to

Crotone, in Magna Graecia in 529 BC

and there founded a philosophical  
school which was a secret

organization, into the mysteries of  
which candidates were formally  
initiated. Pythagoras travelled  
in Egypt and is credited



with introducing the 47th problem  
of Euclid. He taught transformation  
of words, did not teach the existence  
of God, and loved everything  
superficial.

c. 500 BC

Ancient Etruscans in Northern Italy were known to have made partial dentures, crowns and simple bridges as early as 2,500 yrs ago, but experts said French finding in 1997 of Iron implant of 97 AD appears to be the oldest dental IMPLANT.

c 500 BC

1912 Dates J-BK  
Cal.

The earliest Greek Calendar of which we know had 45 fixed festivals in the year together with other occasional days of commemoration.

The Athenians identified years by Archons

500 B.C.

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SABAEAN Kingdom  
SW part of Arabian Plateau

500 A C

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Indian States - East of Indus

About 5000 BCE

Darkness fell on the "Fertile Crescent,"  
imperceptibly but ~~event~~ irresistibly  
over the lands and the people within

500BC

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HECATAEUS of Miletus

Burmese Empire was settled  
by conquering immigrants from  
the Indian highlands in the  
northwest progressing steadily until  
KUBLAI KHAN received fatal  
reverse from Mongols in  
eleventh Cen.



C 500 BC

Greek Cal

# THE ATHENIAN PRYTANY CALENDAR

Side by Side with their Civil (lunar) Cal., the Athenians used for administrative purposes a Cal. based on the subdivision of their Council of 500, whereby the Councilors from each tribe acted in turn as a standing committee or PRYTANY during the year. Until 307-306 BC. there were 10 tribes; thereafter 12 except between 224-223 BC and 201-200 BC when there were 13. This was also the

case after A.D. 124). Two African parties  
documents were dated April by the day of the party  
of which each a letter (with the ordinal numbers  
of its sequence in the year, which was decided by  
lot) and by the day of the lunar month. These  
specimens, in the spirit of Aristotle (4th cen. B.C.)  
when there were 10 letters, the normal occurrence  
of pythons was decided as 7 X 36 and followed  
by 6 X 35 days; however, variations in the length  
of the pythons are known to exist, and the  
sequence could even have been 6 X 35 followed  
by 4 X 36 days.

500BC

1912 Dates J-BK

Athens provoked the wrath of  
Darius.

500BC

1912 Dates J-BK

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IONIANS revolt and burn  
SARDIS

500-449 BC

1912 Dates J-BK

THE GRAECO-PERSIAN WAR

500 → 494 BC

1912 Dates J-BK

Darius quelled a revolt  
of the IONIAN Greeks who had  
captured and burned  
SARDIS

C50000

Greek? Hebrew?

Early Roman Republic

apts for astronomical 29 & 30 day  
months, the last month  
containing 29 or 30 days according  
to a 30-year formula in which  
19 years consisted of  $355^{354}$  days  
and 11 years consisted of  $355^{354}$  days?  
This recipe sets up 360 synodic  
months equal to 10,631 days

This gives me months  
 averaging 29.530555 days

$$(30)(.354) = 10.620 \text{ days}$$

$$\underline{10639}$$

$$(19)(.355) = 6.745$$

$$(11)(.354) = 3.894$$

$$\underline{10637}$$

$$(11.4355)$$

$$(30)(.354) = 10.620$$

$$\underline{10631}$$



c 500 BC 530 to 520 BC

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A lady was buried (near the now village of Vix). She was in her early 30's; had a long narrow head, & must have been immensely rich. A treasure was buried with her.

Late in Dec 1952 <sup>digging started</sup> ~~discovered~~ in a farmer's field. dug through Jan 1953  
ditch 65 ft long (IN BURGUNDY)



500 B.C.

3 gold sheets folded like letters  
were found in 1964. 2 letters in  
Etruscan, one in Phoenician.

These established that Etruscans  
and Carthaginians lived side  
by side in port for city of CAERRE.

Etruscan language has  
not yet been truly deciphered.

Women had their own names. They  
had their lineage through both  
male & female lines.

500 BC - 0 BC

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Germanic

Celts in Britain

Contact of Roman Empire with  
Germanic people.

Germanic undifferentiated  
except dialectally. First borrowings  
from Latin.

C5008C

Athenian system  
Identified years by archons

500 BC - 1 BC

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Warmer climate

C10010

Ancient Greeks began  
their year on the autumnal  
Equinox.



c. 500 BC to c. 100 BC

Days of the Republic

Public feriae (festivals) numbered 61 - were all consecrated to deities of the state cults.

All of the older feriae, festivals occurred on odd numbered days because the Romans believed even numbers to be unlucky.

C55DB2

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Audience Hall of PENSEPOLIS  
was built.

c 500 BC

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No historian gives much attention to  
the remote past

500BC - 479BC

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War

Grec-Persian Wars.

Greece successfully resists  
Persian Invasion.

BATTLES: Marathon; Thermopylae;  
Salamis; Plataea; MYCALE

LEADERS: MILTIADES; LEONIDAS; THEMISTOCLES;  
PAUSANIAS

(Persians) Xerxes & Darius.

500 BC - 406 BC

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Tragedy flourished at Athens

c 500 B C

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Voyage of HANNO, a Carthaginian,  
down west coast of Africa

500BC - AD 300

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Roman Civilization

Italy, Mediterranean region, Asia Minor  
Cities - Rome, Byzantium.

C 500-7 200 BC

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Romans struggled for centuries  
with a lunar cal of 355 days,  
with an extra "month" of 22 or 23  
days inserted into FEBRUARY every  
couple of years or so. This was  
the responsibility of the College of  
Pontiffs



C 500 BC  $\rightarrow$  400 BC

DURANT

Rome

The general issued their own  
Coinage usually in aurei,  
gold coins worth 100 sesterces

500 BC

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TITUS LARCIVS was the 1st ever  
DICTATOR

Prior to 200 BC  
IN TIME OF EARLY  
REPUBLIC  $\approx$  500 BC  $\pm$

YEAR OF NUMA was added. Thus

a cycle of 4 yrs as follows

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|-----------------|---|-------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> | 4 mos of 31 days; 7 mos of 29; Feb - 28   | P 553 |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Feb 23 days + intercalary mos. of 27 days | 377   |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> | (Same as 1 <sup>st</sup> )                | 355   |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> | Feb 24 days + intercalary mos (27d)       | 378   |

In four yrs there were 4 days too  
many (1465 instead of 1461)

1465

500B C

DURANT

HANNO explores west coast of  
Africa

500 BC (died)

Pythagoras was also a philosopher  
and something of an educational theorist  
He conducted a "model school" at Croton

C500 BC

The world's currencies have  
revolved around gold for nearly  
2500 yrs - since King Croesus  
of Lydia struck the first pure  
gold coins

500 BC - 1500 AD +

(<sup>MAYA</sup> north of Mérida)

DZIBILCHALTÚN in northern YUCATÁN was occupied continuously from at least 500 BC to the time of the Spanish conquest.

At its peak DZIBILCHALTÚN's population numbered 40,000.

500 BC.

Confucius' time

The astronomers of China correctly calculated eclipses, and laid the bases of the Chinese calendar:

12 hours per day

12 months each beginning with new moon.

Extra month added periodically to bring this lunar calendar in accord with the seasons and the sun.



500BC  $\pm$  till about 58BC

The old Roman lunar calendar of 355 days had been traditionally harmonized, under the authority of the pontiffs, with the solar year by the addition of intercalary months of 22 and 23 days every second and fourth year

(This gains 4 days every 4th year)

$$\begin{array}{rcl} 355 + 377 & = & 732 \\ 355 + 378 & = & 733 \end{array} \left. \vphantom{\begin{array}{rcl} 355 + 377 & = & 732 \\ 355 + 378 & = & 733 \end{array}} \right\} 1465$$

$$\begin{array}{rcl} 365 + 365 & = & 730 \\ 365 + 366 & = & 731 \end{array} \left. \vphantom{\begin{array}{rcl} 365 + 365 & = & 730 \\ 365 + 366 & = & 731 \end{array}} \right\} 1461$$

c 500 B.C.

Heraclitus had held that 'flux and becoming' alone are real, and permanence an illusion, but few agreed with him.

500BC.

The river Tiber was drinkable

c 500 BC

HECATAEUS wrote purely  
geographical Treatises

500 B C

HECATAEUS of Miletus geographer

Approx 500  $\rightarrow$  400 BC

## Roman Republican Calendar.

The Cal of the Roman republic was similar in style to the Greek Cal. It was more primitive and appears to have been derived from an earlier Roman Cal. which was lunar. Info about republican Cal from city of Antium (extant about 70 BC) The republican Cal. contained 12 months - seven equal in length to a lunation,

four with 2 additional days each and  
one with 1 day less. Thus the total #  
days was 355 w/ 104 days less than a solar yr.  
The months were: MARTIUS (31), APRILIS (29),  
MAIUS (31), JUNIUS (29), QUINTILIS (31), SEXTILIS (29),  
SEPTEMBER (29), OCTOBER (31), NOVEMBER (29) and  
DECEMBER (29), JANUARIUS (29) & FEBRUARIUS (28)  
After Numa

C500 - C408 BC

A Greek architect HIPPODAMUS OF MILETUS is credited with introducing geometric elements into URBAN PLANNING.

Many architects of the ancient world emulated the rectilinear grid system he used in planning the Athenian port of PIRAEUS (C450 BC) and the Albanian colony of THURII (C444-43) in southern Italy. Although the Greek geographer STRABO



credits HIPPODAMUS with planning the  
city of RHODES in 408-407 BC, most  
modern authorities doubt that he  
was still ~~there~~ active at that time.

C 500 BC

HORATIUS COCLES

legendary Roman hero. With 2 companions  
he held LARS PORSENA's Etruscan Army  
at bay while the Romans cut down the  
SUBLICIAN Bridge (connecting Rome with  
the road westward) behind them.  
Horatius swam the Tiber to safety  
and received as much land as he  
could plow around in a day.

c 500 BC.

LARS PORSENA  
(OR LARS PORSENNIA) (challenge)

[Etruscan LARS = lord] semilegendary king of CLUSIUM (modern Chiusi) in Etruria who marched against Rome to reinstate the exiled TARQUINIUS PRISCUS. It was said that the heroism of such

Romans as Horatius and SCAEVOLA moved him to grant honourable terms of peace and to withdraw. However, the Etruscan version identifies LARS PORSENA

with MASTARNA, a legendary hero of Etruria, who conquered Rome and ruled over the city. The Romans recovered their independence after ARUNS, son of PORSENA, was defeated at ARICIA by the united forces of the Latin cities. Roman annalists dated these events c. 500 B.C.

500 BC

Theater.

500 BC

BUDDHA (Buddhism)

CONFUCIUS (CONFUCIANISM)

2500 yrs ago = 500 BC

Distillation began - of alcohol.

500 BC

Reindeer domesticated (Central Asia)



2500 yrs ago (= 500 BC)

Iron users from western Africa turned up for the first time, at Lake Victoria, 2500 yrs ago (500 BC) as they began to zigzag and back-track across the Continent for two thousand years, making the Bantu language group the most widespread in Africa.

c 500 BC

Old Greek Cal.

Normally had year of 354 days  
They added 90 days ( $11\frac{1}{4} \times 8$ )  
every 8 years. These 90 days were  
split into 3 embolismic (30-day)  
months, and the cycle of 8 years  
was called OCTAETTERIS  
about 432 B.C. they tried the  
Metonic cycle  
than the Callippic cycle

C500 BC

Emp. Built

Classical Age and late

the months, named after festivals of the city, began in principle with the New Moon. The lunar year of 12 months and about 354 days was to be matched with the solar yr by inserting an extra month every other years.

500 BC

At Olympia, a stadium for runners; a hippodrome for the horse and chariot races (no stands with seats); a bathhouse for the athletes, a HQ Bldg for the Olympic Committee and a Temple to Zeus had come into existence.

Funding had been by contributions  
Temple to Zeus was built about 470-456 BC

500 BC  
7th Cen BC on

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Since Archons were elected annually & since the Greeks knew each Archon from the 7th Cen BC on, they were quickly able to calculate the year a historical event occurred.

We can do as well from the 5th BC on, thanks to a list covering two hundred years, from 500 BC  $\rightarrow$  300 BC

compiled by the Great Northern  
DIDDOES of Seattle, a part can be  
known

C.507BC

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- Olympic program of sports reached its more or less final form - 3 days of major competition given over to about a dozen different events.

Boxing & wrestling on the 4th day.

- 5) Secured for Greek enterprise full freedom of the sea.
- 6) the victory of little Hellas, against such odds stimulated the pride and lifted up the spirit of its people



500-449 PG

62000 - Persian river

most dependent on European funding  
1) made Europe provide

2) when Britain controlling the opportunity to  
develop its own economic life - confederates  
with alien interests & taxation

3) when there a clear road for the joint great  
system in liberty

4) Federal Greek movement for 300 yrs from  
emancipating millennium of the East

PERSIAN EMPIRE

c. 500 B.C.



# ANCIENT TRADE ROUTES

500 BC → 1 AD



C5773C

THE PEOPLE OF OLYMPIAN

ZEVUS. Greek Temple  
Adrian began c 57 BC &

new Greek temple  
dedicated more than

600 yrs later c 130 in

order of Roman Emperor

Hadrian (Jan 24, 76 - Aug 10, 138)

500BC

Babylonian Astronomer NABURIANNU  
determines length of lunar months.

5th century BC

Metonic Cycle. From its discoverer  
METON of Athens. It is a period of  
nineteen years, at the expiration  
of which the phases of the MOON  
repeat themselves on the same  
day as they did nineteen years  
previously.

c500 BC      509 or 510 BC

Romans overthrew their foreign rulers and established the Roman republic, which lasted four centuries

500 BC

## SERPENT MOUND

In seven giant coils, the Great  
Serpent mounds stretches a quarter  
mile from tail to jaw along the  
creek bluff near Cincinnati. Its  
builders were members of either  
the ADENA or the HOPEWELL CULTURE



578BC

CLEANDER, tyrant of SELA

500 BC

BANTU-speaking peoples begin  
spreading in East Africa

500-479 BC

Greece - Persian Wars. Greece  
successfully resists Persian  
invasion.

Marathon; Thermopylae; Salamis;  
Plataea; Mycale

Miltiades; Leonidas; Themistocles;  
Pausanias; ~~Leopold~~ Xerxes; Darius

500BC

Formal Drama - Greece

c 500  $\Rightarrow$  c 432 BC

PHIDIAS ( $\approx$  PHEIDIAS)

one of the greatest ancient Greek sculptors. His greatest works were the colossal chryselephantine (ivory & gold) ATHENA PARTHENOS (at Athens) (destroyed in ancient times) and ZEUS, one of the 7 wonders of the world. He is said to have been in charge of the PARTHENON and ACROPOLIS sculptures.

500 BC

Rome  
The early republican Army was organized as a Greek phalanx, fighting as a compact body of heavy-armed infantry.

500BC

CLEANDER tyrant of GELA.

500 BC - 348 BC

THE EARLY LATIN LEAGUE

In the early days of the republic Rome had made an offensive and defensive military alliance with the cities comprising the Latin League, which remained effective for nearly a hundred and fifty years. Each side contributed equal forces for joint enterprises and divided the booty. Each had the private rights of citizens in the other cities. For example, a Roman could go to any allied city and carry on business safely, could own property there, and could contract



they might soon be swallowed up and become  
non-dependent. At any rate, they determine  
to decide in union and to get assurance of  
the full citizenship and have taken members  
in the Senate.

500 BC - 300 BC

For more than 2 centuries following the establishment of the Republic, the plebeians struggled for political and social equality. Outright civil war was averted by the willingness, however reluctant and delayed, of the patricians to compromise.

The Plebeians formed a Concilium Plebis and was presided over by plebeian officials called tribunes whose job was

to safeguard the interests of the plebeians and  
to negotiate with the senate and the Senate.  
Finally, Rome's conflict was over the plebeians,  
undependable in filling the ranks of  
the Roman conscript army, greater bargaining  
power.

500BC

PINDAR BEGINS TO WRITE  
HIS ODES

500 BC

Pericles of Athens born  
Died 429 BC.

c 500 BC

ETRUSCANS HIGH POINT OF  
POLITICAL POWER AND CIVILIZATION  
IN ITALY